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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER		DATE	March 20, 2019
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER		DOCKET NO.	2005-83-A
UTILITIES MATTER	✓	ORDER NO.	2019-214

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

<u>Docket No. 2005-83-A</u> - <u>Public Service Commission of South Carolina - Administrative and Procedural Matters</u> - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Case Captions or Headings that are Filed or Submitted by Regulated Entities with the Commission.

COMMISSION ACTION:

One of the Commission's primary roles is to review, examine, and properly dispose of filings made at this Agency by regulated investor-owned public utilities.

These filings contain case captions which are used to create dockets at the Commission, included as captions on Notices that are published in newspapers and sent to customers, and also utilized as headings on the Commission Orders that we issue when we rule on matters.

It is very important that case captions or headings of legal filings submitted to the Commission include words or phrases that signal to the reader the impact that the request will have on ratepayers.

For this reason and for the sake of **transparency**, Mr. Chairman, I move that if a filing made by an investor-owned public utility is filed with this Commission, the heading or caption of the filing must include specific words that indicate specifically the type of adjustment or impact that the filing could potentially have on South Carolina ratepayers. So, if the filing contains a request for an increase, decrease, or adjustment in the company's rates or charges, or a new or deleted rate or charge, the heading or caption of the filing must include these words or phrases.

If the caption fails to specifically state whether the filing includes a request for an increase, decrease, or adjustment in the company's rates or charges, or a new or deleted rate or charge, the Chief Clerk is instructed to return the filing to the filer within ten days of the Commission's receipt of the filing.

After the ten days has elapsed, if the Commission finds that the caption has not appropriately represented the impact on customers' rates or charges, the Commission reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary, including but not limited to dismissal of the application.

PRESIDING:	Randall	SESSION: Regular	TIME: 2:00 p.m.

MOTION YES NO OTHER

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BELSER			
ERVIN	✓	✓	
HAMILTON		✓	
HOWARD		✓	
RANDALL		✓	
WHITFIELD		✓	
WILLIAMS		✓	

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